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In re Patent Application of

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For: NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS
THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated October 12, 2000, the applicants respectfully submit the Declaration was filed with the application on August 15, 2000, as evidenced by the attached copy of the undersigned's post card receipt. A further copy of the Declaration is attached for the convenience of the Office. No late fee is believed to be required. Entry of the following amendments is requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 1-24, without prejudice.

Add the following claims.

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